A Doordarshan Broadcast Code already exists and all programmes telecast on television by Doordarshan are governed by it. Private channels, uplinking from within the country, are also required to adhere to this code. The code insures, *inter-alia*, that the programmes telecast do not contain excessive violence or vulgarity, which may have adverse impact on the viewers/society.

The programmes of foreign satellite channels are uplinked from outside the country and, therefore, do not fall under the ambit of Indian laws, unless de-coders are required for their reception. The Government is contemplating to suitably amended the Cable Law to ensure that all free-to-air channels also conform to the prescribed Codes under the Cable Law.

The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 has specific provisions which prohibit the indecent representation of women in advertisements, books pamphlets etc.

Coverage of DD-II in Assam

1137. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Assam which are yet to be covered by DD-II;

(b) the reasons for continuing low quality transmission in parts of Assam;

(c) The action contemplated in improve it;

(d) the target finalized to raise the height of Dibrugarh DD Tower and allocation made; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) Satellite derived DD-2 service of Doordarshan is available throughout the country including Assam by using an appropriate dish antenna system, or through a cable operator. However, parts of Assam receive DD-2 service of Doordarshan terrestrially, through Low Power Transmitters functioning from Guwahati, Dibrugarh and Silchar.

(b) and (c) The quality of transmission of DD-2 service in Assam is reported to be satisfactory within the coverage range of the three LPTs and through satellite mode.

(d) and (e) The scheme for raising the height of tower at Dibrugarh to 150 metre has been sanctioned at a capital cost of Rs. 145 lakhs. It will take about 2 to 3 years for erection of the new tower.

Separate television channel for Karnataka

1138. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sought a separate television channel; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken to provide a separate television channel to Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dave Committee

1139. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed Dave Committee to go into some welfare aspects;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has recommended that the workers Provident Fund money be invested in share market;

(d) whether Government are aware that the Central Board for Provident Fund Trustees and the Standing Labour Committee have rejected the above recommendations; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Madam/Sir.